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**CSEPP NATIONAL BENCHMARKS**

This policy paper replaces the 1993 paper on National Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Benchmarks. This policy paper reaffirms the statements contained in the 1993 paper and adds three additional benchmarks that have evolved within CSEPP since 1993.

When programming and budgeting for CSEPP resources, the CSEPP National Benchmarks (CNBs) will be used by Federal, State, and local government organizations to identify the CSEPP capabilities being funded. The CSEPP National Benchmarks will also be used in reporting the status of CSEPP to Congress in required annual reports. To facilitate this reporting, CSEPP Program Managers should track the obligation of their CSEPP resources by CSEPP National Benchmarks.

The composition and scope of each of the benchmarks will be governed by the principle of “functional equivalency,” i.e. it is not necessary to provide every jurisdiction with identical assets, as long as their basic emergency management capabilities meet CSEPP guidance.

In accordance with CSEPP guidance, the following benchmarks will be established:

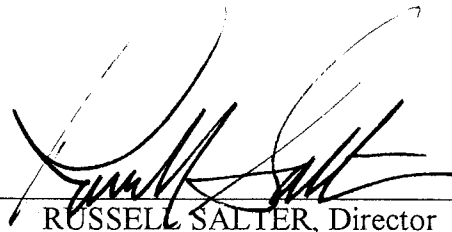
- Administrative (ADM) support for each installation, State, IRZ county, and PAZ county.
- Functioning Alert and Notification (A&N) system for installation, Immediate Response Zone (IRZ) and transition zone.
- Functioning automated data processing (ADP) system connecting critical installation facilities/On-post EOC/Off-post EOC/JIC/State EOC.
- Functioning communications system (COM) for IRZ, installation and for between EOCs/Military Installation/Joint Information Center (JIC)/State.
- Coordinated plans (COP) in conformance with established CSEPP guidance for each installation, State, IRZ county, and PAZ county, which are to be updated as CSEPP guidance is revised or the jurisdictions’ circumstances change.
- Functioning Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for each installation and IRZ county.
- An exercise (EX) program which is consistent with the Exercise Integrated Process Team (IPT) approved exercise policy.

- A medical (MED) program for Off-post medical preparation and response to a CSEPP incident/accident.
- Personnel (PER), such as CSEPP coordinators, public information/public affairs officers, planners, ADP specialists, to support CSEPP activities on the installation, in the State and IRZ counties.
- Protective action (PRO) strategy in conformance with established CSEPP guidance for each jurisdiction.
- A public outreach/education (POE) program for public information and education.
- Training (TNG) programs, which are consistent with FEMA State Training Plan (for Off-post jurisdictions) and Army certification requirements (for On-post installations), and maintain proficiency of emergency services providers/responders and CSEPP staff, as defined and measured by CSEPP guidance.



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